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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 19TH, 1912.

THERE would seem to be very little prospect of a satisfactory issue, from China's point of view, of the negotiations which have been in a progress at Peking between the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Russian Minister in regard to the Mongolian question. The Chinese Government in the negotiations has been insisting upon the maintenance of China's authority in Mongolia and upon the cancellation of the secret treaty made by Russia with the Mongolians at Urga. A semi-official statement published in Peking says: "The basis of any just and satisfactory adjustment of the abnormal situation which Russia has created in Ku-lun is the continued maintenance of Chinese sovereignty: Mongolia—every part of it—must remain Chinese territory. This is the national resolve; and it would be a grave and serious error if Russia were to ignore or assign it a wrong value in the course of her negotiations with the Chinese Government. We have come to regard Mongolia as a necessary member of the family of races who constitute and form the Chinese Republic; and it is a solution based only on sovereignity—not suzerainty—which can preserve Mongolia as an integral portion of our country. If the *status quo* of the region which is within the ambit of the political control or influence of Ku-lun—the Convention can extend to nothing more—is made to rest on Chinese sovereignty, the settlement of the situation cannot be difficult. By applying to Mongolia the principle of colonial self-government which Great Britain has applied with such success to her great dominions beyond the seas, China can easily grant all the politicial autonomy which Russia desires the Hutukhtu or Lama of Ku-lun to enjoy. And on this further basis, many of the other Russian demands can be considered and perhaps adjusted." Russia, however, according to the latest information to hand, will agree to nothing more than Chinese suzerainty in Outer Mongolia. Russia's terms are first, autonomy for Outer Mongolia, basing the demand on "the precedent established by Great Britain in restoring order in Tibet and securing the reinstatement of the DALAI LAMA, after he had been banished by China"; secondly, that China shall give an undertaking to forbid further Chinese colonisation in Outer Mongolia, and that she will send no armed troops across the border. The agreement relates entirely to Outer Mongolia, and does not affect China's full sovereignty over Inner Mongolia. Backed by the popular feeling aroused throughout the country the Chinese Government has refused to acquiesce in Russia's demands, and thus a deadlock has been reached in the negotiations. If Russia does not give way, War becomes inevitable. In the opinion of the semi-official Press any semblance of yielding on China's part would jeopardise the very existence of the Republic. On the other hand it is reported from Peking that Russian patience appears to be vanishing and a settlement of the question of the delimitation of Mongolia and kindred matters arising out of the Chinese Convention of 1881 may eventually be decided without reference to China. Russia has consented to the despatch of a mission of Mongolian notables from Urga to St. Petersburg to express the thanks of Mongolia for the support given to the newly-formed Government, and the delegation, it is stated, will be received by the TSAR. It is not surprising in view of the tension that exists to read in the Northern papers of a good many indications of military activity, notwithstanding the official order to the newspaper Press to respect military secrets. For instance, we read of one of the Mongolian princes buying from Russia ten machine guns. 8,000 quick-firing guns and a number of flying machines. There is a good deal also about a Chinese military expedition in the neighbourhood of Jehol, about which we published some brief private telegraphic information a few weeks ago. It appears from a Presidential Order that the General of Jehol recently reported to Peking that the Prince of the West Djarud and the Princess of the East Djarud and other notables had been murdered and their families carried away by "tufeis," who also made off with a hundred cartloads of loot. The President ordered the General at Jehol and the Tutuh of Fengtien "to telegraph to the various troops to advance quickly, surround the marauders, recover the captured families and carts, punish the wicked and protect the innocent." These "various troops" in the neighbourhood of Mongolia are a dangerous element in the situation, and Russia's firm adherence to the attitude she has taken up towards Mongolian aspirations are bound to eventuate in trouble, sooner or later. It is apparently the hope of the Chinese Government that the other friendly Powers will view sympathetically the resentment shown by the people of China, and use their influence upon Russia to avert a rupture. What the Powers think of the matter has not been made known. M. Sazonoff gave to the British Minister at St. Petersburg assurances that Russia regarded annexation as an "insane" idea, and that she had no intention of establishing even a protectorate over Mongolia. All Russia proposed to do was to acknowledge the independence of Outer Mongolia, and to give the Government friendly support. Less than a month ago Sir EDWARD GREY said in the House of Commons that "It would seem *prima facie* that the agreement is intended to confirm rights and privileges for Russian subjects which existed under previous treaties of many years' standing, and generally to secure the status, practically amounting to autonomy, which was the normal condition of Outer Mongolia," but he added that he was awaiting further information on these points. This may be taken to represent the attitude of the Powers generally in regard to the question.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, C.M.G., is expected back to-day.

Capt. H. L. Holme, R.G.A., has been selected for service with the Legation Guard at Peking.

The Water Police on Tuesday sent to the hospital a Chinese who had fallen down the hold of a vessel which was working cargo.

A typhoon warning from the Manila Observatory received yesterday morning reported a typhoon N. off the Pelew Islands moving W.

The funeral of Mr. Charles Fittock took place yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley, a large number of mourners following the remains.

Sir Charles Eliot, Principal of the Hongkong University, left by the *Manchuria* for Shanghai, accompanied by Mr. Hinton, the Registrar.

A woman living in Lyndhurst Terrace has informed the police that on Tuesday night money and silverware to the value of $225 were stolen from her room in the house.

Lady May has kindly promised to distribute the prizes to the girls of the Diocesan School and Orphanage at the City Hall to-day, the ceremony commencing at 3 o'clock.

Mr. W. A. Hacking, a first saloon passenger of advanced age, whose destination was Yokohama, died of asthma on board the new P. & O. *Novara* four days before reaching Port Said. The body was buried at sea.

A district watchman in the Western district was on Tuesday sent to hospital suffering from injuries caused by a man whom he had arrested on the China Merchants' wharf. In the scuffle both men fell into the harbour, and the prisoner escaped.

Last evening a Confirmation service was conducted at St. John's Cathedral, eight candidates receiving the rite at the hands of the Bishop of Victoria (Dr. Lander), included among them being the second daughter of Sir Henry and Lady May. H.E. the Governor was present.

Captain D. Clapham, lately serving with No. 88 Company, Royal Garrison Artillery, at Hongkong, is now attached to the Royal Garrison Artillery at Shoeburyness until February 20th, when he will take up duty as Instructor in Gunnery, 1st Class, at the School of Gunnery.

News has been received from England of the recent death of Mr. F. E. Richards, at one time associated with the firm of Messrs. Dodwell & Co. He was for some time manager of their Foochow branch, vacating the position nine or ten years ago in order to take up a Home appointment.

Mr. J. Stoddart Kennedy, General Manager of the Hongkong Electric Tramways, Ltd., with Mrs. Kennedy and two children; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. H. Beavis and child, and Mr. P. H. Holyoak, were among the passengers of the *Mishima Maru*, which arrived from London yesterday.

Bishop Taylor Smith, Chaplain-General of the Forces, is due back in Hongkong by the *Himalaya* from Shanghai to-morrow, and besides delivering an address to an audience of ladies at Government House in the afternoon, he will give an address at a service for men in St. John's Cathedral at 9.15 p.m.

Mr. William Ker, East India merchant, late of the firm of Ker, Bolton & Co., and formerly with Messrs. Ker & Co., of Manila, who died on July 29th, aged 90, left, in addition to real estate, personal estate of the total value of £236,573, of which the personal estate in the United Kingdom amounts to £232,098. The duties on the property will amount to about £30,000.

THE MAGISTRACY.

A fine of $100 was imposed on a man for being in possession of opium.

A youth who was charged with being in possession of a quantity of opium said that it belonged to his master. The master arrived and his name was placed on the charge sheet. After hearing the evidence Mr. Hazeland ordered the master to pay a fine of $10 and discharged the youth.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. Hazeland with being in possession of opium made up in the form of pills and also opium mixed with wine. The first man was fined $25 or one month's imprisonment on the first charge and $67 or two months' imprisonment on the second charge, while the second man was fined in all $29, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE BALKAN WAR.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

The Peace Conference re-assembled on Tuesday morning.

The delegates proceeded to the verification of their powers. The Turks intimated that they must ask for further instructions before entering upon any discussion with the Greeks, who had not signed the armistice. Thereupon the Conference was adjourned until Thursday. The Conference has asked for the appointment of an English secretary.

Reuter learns that no hitch has taken place in the Conference, and that the best feelings prevailed, though surprise was felt that the Turks had neglected to obtain further instructions earlier. In the meantime the Turks suggested that the Allies' peace terms be communicated to them. The Balkan Delegates replied that this was useless, because if Turkey was unable to negotiate with the Four States there could be no negotiations at all.

TURKISH DELEGATES' DISCLAIMER.

The Ottoman delegates repudiate the suggestion that they are endeavouring to gain time by a refusal to meet the Greeks at present. They explain that they were only officially aware the previous day of the intentions of the Hellenic Government. They were bound, therefore, to ask the Government at Constantinople for the necessary instructions and authority. They affirm the desire of the Government to conclude peace as speedily as possible.

AUSTRO-SERVIAN SITUATION ACUTE.

The recurrence of pessimism in regard to the Austro-Servian position is described in well-informed circles in London as unwarranted, but despatches from Belgrade and Bukharest are somewhat alarmist.

The Government organ at Belgrade complains of provocative Austrian military movements, and says that searchlights have been thrown over Belgrade, that monitors cruising in the Danube have come close to the frontier, even colliding with a pier at Belgrade, and that Servians visiting the frontier towns on business have been arrested.

The fact that Austrian ships in the Danube between Belgrade and Turnuseverin have been ordered to proceed towards Galatz, and that the Roumanian ships have been ordered to concentrate in the Harbour of Masin, is believed in Bukharest to be due to the Austro-Servian dispute.

The extensive precautionary armaments by Austria continue to excite apprehension.

Reuter's correspondent at Vienna telegraphs that M. Edl, the emissary appointed by the Austro-Hungarian Government to investigate the charges concerning the ill-treatment of Austrian Consuls by the Servians, wrote a report on the 3rd inst. in which he shows that the charges that M. Prochaska was kept a prisoner and ill-treated are unfounded, but the attitude of the Servian military authorities towards the Consul was sometimes incorrect. The Servian Government had been requested to make satisfaction.

The Vienna newspapers are gratified that the Prochaska incident proved far less serious than was imagined, and they are confident that the affair will be satisfactorily settled.

"A NAVAL BATTLE."

The Turkish fleet engaged a Greek squadron on Monday morning between the Dardanelles and Imbros for an hour. According to the Turkish account several shots struck the cruiser *Georgio Saveroff*, silencing her big guns. The Greeks then fled towards the Piraeus. The Turks were not injured. The Greek account states that the Turks kept within the protection of the forts and finally again fled to the Dardanelles, the Greeks cruising outside the whole afternoon. Five Greeks were slightly wounded.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SIGNIFICANT NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

A message from St. Petersburg says that M. Sukhomlinoff and M. Sazonoff (Ministers for War and Foreign Affairs respectively) have had daily audiences with the Tsar, who yesterday received the Chief of the General Staff.

AMBASSADORS IN CONFERENCE.

The first meeting of the Ambassadors took place in London on Tuesday afternoon. Sir Edward Grey received the Ambassadors at the Foreign Office. The proceedings will be private. It is probable that they will first deal with delicate questions calculated to have a disturbing influence.

MR. BONAR LAW'S PROPOSED TARIFF CONFERENCE.

LONDON, December 18th.

The *Times* strongly dissents from Mr. Bonar Law's Tariff Conference proposal and declares that it is absolutely impossible. The Unionist leaders must not attempt to shift the onus of food taxation on the Conference of Overseas Ministers. In view of the rapidly changing conditions, the *Times* also deprecates pledging the Unionists to detailed proposals of any kind, and says it can only be sure of the extreme unwisdom of taxing food imports while food prices continue to rise.

The *Times* states that the Unionist opinion in the House of Commons on the subject of the policy enunciated by Mr. Bonar Law at Ashton is not united. A somewhat similar divergence of opinion exists among the party in the country, a desire for a renewal of the Referendum pledge being still expressed by Lancashire and Irish Unionists.

From sixty to seventy per cent. of the Unionists, including the immediate supporters of Mr. Walter Long, are now averse to food taxes, which are disliked in Scotland and the North of England. A smaller section, supported by Mr. Austen Chamberlain, favours the present Tariff proposals, and this section has got the Party machine—hence its influence. Both are united in one respect, that they are unwilling to do anything to prejudice Mr. Bonar Law's leadership. It is likely, therefore, that matters will tend to compose themselves.

LORD CURZON'S VIEWS.

Lord Curzon, speaking at York, said he would like to see the contentious parts of the Unionist programme put temporarily in the background. He added—"We should be better employed discussing the dangers of the present system than discussing whether we should pay a tax on barley, corn, and oats in years to come."

WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT.

LONDON, December 18th.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday Mr. McKenna announced during the debate on the Welsh Church Disestablishment Bill a concession on clause VIII. giving the Church £15,000 annually more than was originally proposed. This evoked an indignant outburst from Welshmen, none of whom, however, declared their intention to abstain from voting.

BRITISH AIRSHIP WRECKED.

LONDON, December 18th.

The army airship *Beta* was wrecked at Farnborough, being blown among trees after engine troubles.

MORE SUFFRAGETTE OUTBURSTS.

LONDON, December 18th.

Suffragettes attacked many pillar boxes in London suburbs on Tuesday night. A male suffragist charged with setting fire to a railway carriage refused, as "a suffragist rebel" to comply with the summons, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

THE PRIZE RING.

LONDON, December 18th.

At the National Sporting Club in the contest for the lightweight championship of the world (20 rounds) for £1,000 aside and a purse of £1,000, Welsh beat the Australian Mehegan on points after a most spirited contest.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PREMIER'S WARM EULOGY OF MR. WHITELAW REID.

LONDON, December 18th.

In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith paid a warm tribute to Mr. Whitelaw Reid, not only as an Ambassador but as a kinsman. The Government proposed to suggest to the United States that a British battleship should convey the remains to his native land.

Mr. Balfour cordially supported the proposal.

THE MALAY "DREADNOUGHT."

LONDON, December 18th.

The Colonial Office publishes the text of a despatch from the Governor of the Straits Settlements relative to the Dreadnought to be gifted by the Federal Malay States. It says there is the strongest feeling on the part of the unofficial members of the Council, and also on the part of the Sultan of Perak, that the gift should be supplementary to the naval programme.

THE BOYCOTT.

CHINESE MERCHANTS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Yesterday afternoon about a hundred and fifty of the leading Chniese merchants and the Editors of the local Chinese newspapers assembled by invitation at Government House. H.E. The Governor delivered a speech to them on the subject of the boycott, dwelling upon the folly of it, and asking them to use their influence to put an end to it. The speech was interpreted by Sir Kai Ho Kai, and afterwards the company were invited to partake of tea. After His Excellency had departed, the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk made the suggestion that they should all make a journey in the tram cars, and this was done.

"A WOMAN IN THE CASE."

The hearing of a charge brought by a man hailing from Saigon against a Chinese for assault was resumed at the Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. C. F. Mason (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), prosecuted, and Mr. W. L. Shenton (of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, and Deacon), defended.

Mr. Mason, at the outset, drew his Worship's attention to a report in a Chinese newspaper published in the Colony, and asserted that it contained a scurrilous statement amounting to contempt of Court.

Mr. Shenton said all he had to do was to compliment the Chinese paper for having foreshadowed the defence that was to be raised. The report suggested that there was "a woman in the case," and this he would prove to his Worship.

His Worship advised Mr. Mason to take this matter after the case, and the hearing was again adjourned.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST AN AMERICAN.

At the Magistracy yesterday Detective Sergeant Terrett brought an American named Carl Boor Rickarts before Mr. Hazeland on three charges. The first was that on the 17th December he sent divers letters to one Clio Hales demanding money by menaces; the second was that he lived wholly or partly on the proceeds of prostitution from 19th August to 17th December; and the third was that he unlawful assaulted the complainant Clio Hales on the 17th December.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to all three charges.

Sergeant Terrett informed his Worship that he was ready to proceed. Defendant had said that he wanted an attorney, but he now said that he did not wish an attorney.

His Worship—I cannot take the case now. I will take it next Tuesday.

Defendant said he would like the case to be taken immediately.

His Worship replied that he could not do that, and asked the defendant if he could put up bail.

Defendant replied that he had no money, and then asked how much bail would be required.

Sergeant Terrett said that he would oppose bail on the second charge.

Bail was refused, and the hearing was fixed for next Wednesday.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB *v.* GARRISON.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Garrison on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground on Saturday, 21st December, play to commence at 2 p.m. sharp:—R. Hancock (Capt.), R. N. Anderson, S. H. Dodwell, D. E. Donnelly, A. C. E. Elborough, E. A. Fowler, A. H. Gillingham, H. Hancock, J. W. Stephenson-Jellie, J. S. Lloyd, and T. E. Pearce.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, December 18th.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (HIS HONOUR MR. REES DAVIES, K.C.)

A LARCENY CASE.

Fang Sam was indicted with stealing a box of clothes at 312, Queen's Road Central.

Mr. J. H. Kemp (Crown Solicitor) prosecuted, and prisoner, who was not represented, pleaded not guilty.

The following were the jury:—Messrs. R. Henderson (foreman), R. L. Atkinson, A. R. Forbes, J. Fasse, D. E. Maria de Souza, R. B. Wood, and F. D. Haigh.

Mr. Kemp said the prisoner was charged with robbery by two or more, and this was naturally more serious than a robbery by the prisoner alone. The floor of 312, Queen's Road Central was occupied by coolies employed in the New Western Market in the day time and entrance could be obtained to it by the back. On the 19th of November, while the coolies were away the door was opened and two men came in. The watchman was present, and one of the two was known to him, as he had slept there before, and the watchman thought he was a friend. Suddenly they attacked him, tied him up, and gagged him. Prisoner seized a box containing clothes and ran with it to the staircase door, and was captured. The other man had previously decamped.

The jury found the prisoner guilty, and his Lordship said that having regard to his youth, and that nothing was known against him, he would not sentence him to a long term of imprisonment, as he did not wish to make a gaol-bird of him. He would be kept in prison with hard labour, for 18 calendar months, and his Lordship ordered him to receive 10 strokes with the birch.

AN EXEMPLARY SENTENCE.

Tong Fuk was charged with being concerned with two or more persons with assault with intent to rob.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty.

Mr. J. H. Kemp prosecuted, and said the man was charged on two counts, with attempted gang robbery and with assault. On the 14th of November three men entered a shop at Mong Kok Sui. One of the men caught the maidservant and pointed a knife at her, the shopkeeper also being threatened. The latter took up a blanket and tried to throw it over the second man, and called out "Thief," the robbers then running away. The prisoner was seen runing out of the shop by a foki who lived next door. The foki and two constables chased him, and he was caught.

Prisoner alleged that the witnesses who were called to support the opening statement for the prosecution had conferred together and had concocted a story. He denied being concerned in the attempted robbery.

The jury found prisoner guilty on the first count, and his Lordship sentenced him to six years' hard labour and 14 strokes with the birch.

INDUSTRY IN A FIX.

A singularly difficulty, says the *British Trade Review*, has arisen out of the trade prosperity in Lancashire. In many of the towns and districts outside Manchester in which new works have been erected and old premises extended there is either a dearth of cottages for the workmen or a lack of journeying facilities to and from the shops. Firms like Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co. and Messrs. Lever Brothers are overcoming the obstacle on the Cheshire side by erecting what are really garden cities for the occupation of those in their employ, but many firms do not possess the capital to embark on building enterprise, and have to depend upon speculative effort. Owing to the higher quotations for all classes of material, builders are chary in putting up cheap dwellings, and there is an urgent demand for cottages. Meantime workmen are obliged to walk long distances to and from their toil, and hesitate before entering shops that are situated far away from their homes, inasmuch as engagement means, in addition to their day's work, a five or in some cases nearly a 10-mile walk in and out. Consequently some firms are in the dilemma of industrial shortage, and work is retarded to such an extent that they cannot always complete their contracts to time. Engineering firms on the banks of the Ship Canal and at Irlam find the difficulty particularly acute, and are making representations to the local authorities to extend the tramway systems, and to the railway companies to run additional trains at cheaper rates. On the face of it there is a spice of the ludicrous in the fact that foreign contracts should be delayed in completion because English hands have not house-room near the works or travelling-facilities to their labour. Nevertheless, firms are subjected to great inconvenience and are suffering considerable loss from these causes; and unless they are removed by more conveniently placed habitations or cheaper travel a serious check will be sustained in industrial development.

HAMBURG LETTER.

[SPECIALLY WRITTEN FOR THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

November 27th.

INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY.

The reports of numerous failures in the Balkan States have brought trade with those countries almost to a standstill and a temporary pause in the general activity seems to be experienced in other quarters as well; but all the great industries of the country, iron works and textile mills and factories are full of orders for many months ahead and the enormous demand for coal shows how busy they are. Unfortunately the railway authorities are not in a position to meet the demand for trucks and waggons, having from motives of mistaken economy failed to increase their rolling stock in proportion to the growing requirements of the country. They are now giving out large orders to supply the want, but in the meantime there is a tremendous congestion of traffic, particularly in the Rheno-Westphalian coalfields. In the month of September there was a shortage of 24,000 trucks and it was feared that at that rate there would be at least half a million tons left unforwarded during the following month. This figure has, however, been much exceeded as the demand increased, owing to the continued activity of trade and the approach of winter. The mines are therefore seriously considering the advisability of reducing their output to three days a week in order to avoid a further accumulation of stock at the pits. This measure would affect 300,000 colliers and entail heavy losses on the owners.

A GOVERNMENT OIL MONOPOLY.

The draft of a bill to be submitted to the Reichstag, vesting the sole right of importing, manufacturing and refining mineral oils for lighting purposes in the imperial Government, has just been published. Oils within the meaning of the act are defined as such possessing a density (specific gravity) of .770 to .830 at a temperature of 15deg. Celsius. The bill empowers the Government to entrust the exploitation of the monopoly to a company, to be formed for that purpose under the auspices and control of the Imperial Chancellor, for a period not exceeding thirty years. The capital of the company to be raised by the issue of shares in the usual manner, part of the shares to be to bearer and part to name, the latter to be deposited with the Reichsbank and to be entered on a register, any subsequent sales of them to be subject to the approval of the Imperial Chancellor, who will delegate his powers to a commissioner and deputy commissioner.

The articles of association and any subsequent alterations and new rules and bye-laws to require the sanction of the commissioner, and the names of the members of the council of administration, of their chairman and vice-chairman and of the managing directors to be submitted to him for approval.

The holders of registered shares to be entitled to at least one-half of the number of votes. Out of the annual net profits, after placing ten per cent. to reserve account, holders of both kinds of shares are to receive 5 per cent. interest on the face value of the shares, the remainder to go to the State, subject to modifications mentioned later on. Should the share of the Government exceed four times the amount allotted to the shareholders the surplus to be used for the formation of a separate fund, which, with the permission of the imperial commissioner, may be drawn upon to eke out profits on future occasions or to reduce the selling price of the oil, should either be deemed expedient. This fund to be limited to 20 million marks and the ordinary reserve fund to 50 per cent. of the share capital.

The Government, or in its place the company, to acquire all existing works for the manufacture and refining of mineral oils for lighting purposes, their plant, stocks and everything appertaining thereto, also all warehouse, stocks, etc., of importers and merchants engaged in the trade; the prices to be fixed by private agreement or, if such prove impracticable, by arbitration in accordance with existing laws. The company may, however, should it appear advisable, with the consent of the imperial commissioner, instead of purchasing works, leave it to the owners to carry on their operations on certain conditions and under the supervision of the excise authorities.

Provision is also made for taking over into the service of the company part or the whole of the employés of the different establishments and for granting compensation to those whose services will not be required.

The mean selling price for the first year to be fixed at 20pf. per litre, to include all working expenses, taxes, depreciation, and ½pf. profit. The rate of profit allowed will vary, according to a somewhat complicated scale, as it may become advisable to raise or reduce the selling price, and the mode of the division of the annual profits between the shareholders and the State will likewise be altered.

An advisory council to be appointed by the imperial commissioner, the members to serve for a period of three years and to meet at least once in the twelve months. They are to be consulted on all important matters, such as the fixing of the standard of the oils and of the selling prices, their chief duty, however, being the supervision of the operations of the company, and the organization and development of the system of distribution and sale, the investigation of complaints brought against the company, etc.

PORTUGAL UNDER THE REPUBLIC.

"SOMEWHAT DEPRESSING CONDITIONS."

The Times of the 23rd ult. had the following leading article:—

The third Session of the Parliament of the Portuguese Republic, which began some ten days ago, opens in somewhat depressing conditions. The message which we publish to-day from our Lisbon Correspondent, and which the Censor endeavoured to suppress, shows that some even of those who took part in the Revolution are far from being satisfied with the present state of things. Official assurances that all is for the best under the best of all possible Governments are as plentiful and as positive as they used to be under the Monarchy, and they appear to have about the same relation to facts. They cannot shake the impression created by the concurrent testimony of independent observers, well acquainted with the country, that the politics of Portugal are neither sounder nor sweeter than they were before the Revolution and that her material condition is distinctly worse. It is but bare justice to acknowledge the great difficulties of the task undertaken by her new rulers. Government on democratic principles, where the masses are too ignorant to take an intelligent interest in politics, must always expose those who attempt it to great dangers and to great temptations. The founders of the Republic held out high hopes to the nation. They showed extreme sensibility to the rank abuses which had thriven under the Monarchy, and they ingenuously suggested that upon its overthrow the reign of justice, enlightenment, and prosperity would immediately set in. It has not set in yet, and the more moderate apologists of the new *régime* have all sorts of explanations, more or less plausible, to offer of the facts. They plead, with truth, that they are the heirs to an established and traditional system of corruption. They urge that in the most conservative and beneficent of revolutions things are said and done which could not be defended in ordinary times. They assert, again with truth, that every Government is bound to defend itself, and that the repeated efforts of the Royalists to bring about a restoration by armed invasion and insurrection have compelled them to resort to measures which they deplore. Time and patience, they affirm, are all that is needed for the reforms they have made, and for the further reforms they contemplate, to bear the rare and refreshing fruit they have promised their country. Other champions of the Republic hardly contend that the fruit is already abundant, and that it is only malice and perversity which fail to see it and to enjoy it.

With politicians of this latter kind it is vain to argue. On the other hand, it may be useful to remind those who have not shut their eyes to all truths which are unpleasant that it is high time for the promised reforms to take practical effect. The failure of the successive Monarchist plots removes all valid excuse for the harsh treatment of the real or suspected enemies of the Republic. We notice with satisfaction that in a recent trial at Oporto a number of alleged conspirators were acquitted, and that the few who were convicted received moderate sentences; but in other parts of the country the Courts-martial have been condemning prisoners with monotonous regularity to long terms of solitary confinement and to deportation to Africa. The punishment inflicted on some of these political offenders is barbarous. The prisons are worthy of the Middle Ages, and their unhealthiness is greatly increased by overcrowding. We hear of seven prisoners being confined in cells intended for two, of rooms without windows and partly underground, of roofs that are not stanch, and of poor prison diet. Most significant of all perhaps is the recommendation made by the director of the Lisbon penitentiary that, as an indulgence, the political prisoners in his charge should no longer be forced to wear the prison hood which covers the whole head and face of the wearer. Many persons have been deprived of their liberty "on suspicion," which sometimes means on the accusation of informers belonging to the lowest classes of the population. Trials when they have taken place have been interfered with; sentences have been revised by Ministers; juries, and witnesses have been intimidated with impunity by the *carbonarios*, and the Press has been overawed. We cannot imagine conduct better calculated to alienate sympathy from the Republic.

In Parliament the leaders of the different Republican groups appear to have acted very much as their selfish and short-sighted predecessors used to act. The breach between the Conservatives and the Democrats widened throughout last Session, and the Vasconcellos Cabinet fell in June. The advent to power of Dr. Duarte Leite may possibly be followed by improvements in legislation and in administration. The fashion in which the new Premier put an end to the formidable Lisbon tramway strike shows that he can act with decision. The Royalist troubles in the summer may have distracted his attention from the many grievances which cry for prompt redress. The new Session will prove whether he has the wisdom and the power to remedy them. It was stated in the summer that he would invite Parliament to revise the decrees passed under the Provisional Government, which include the law for the separation of Church and State and the divorce law. The first of these measures is certainly unpopular, and so, we should imagine, is the second. The parochial clergy still possess a great deal of influence over the peasantry, and it is not wise for any Government, and least of all for a Government which professes to depend on popular support, to drive them into permanent hostility to it. But it is by its administration, rather than by its legislative proposals, that the spirit of the new Ministry will in the first place be revealed. The Government returns for September show some improvement in the state of commerce and of the finances. If it is to be more than transitory, confidence in the safety of property and the stability of order must be gradually built up. They have been badly shaken, and it rests in the first instance with the Government to restore them by dispensing firm and even-handed justice to all.

THE ACTIVITY OF JAPANESE STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

The present activity of Japanese steamship companies is welcomed by the *Chugai Shogyo* as a sign of the development of Japan's foreign trade and the extension of her "commercial rights." The hard struggle of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha on the Calcutta line, says the Tokyo commercial paper, has had its effect on trade between Japan and India, the export of matches and other merchandize from Japan having increased to a remarkable extent. The journal also notes the activity of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in the direction of Manila, whence the Company is now shipping Manila hemp to Japan direct. Manila hemp, which is being imported by Japan in large volumes, has hitherto been forwarded from Manila to Hongkong by the British India S.N. Co.'s steamers, and there transhipped to vessels of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha or the Toyo Kisen Kaisha. The British India S.N. Co.'s sphere of influence in this direction has now been penetrated by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, which has commenced direct shipments of Manila hemp. This will not only lower the price of the imported hemp in Japan, but it also indicates the development of Japan's navigation power. The journal continues to state that the Toyo Kisen Kaisha is not behind the N.Y.K. at this juncture. The T.K.K., which is interested in the trade between Japan and South America, is said to be contemplating an extension of its service in that direction in view of the approaching opening of the Panama Canal. On the other hand, the combination of owners of "tramp steamers" has just opened a South Pacific Line in view of the increasing trade of Japan in the South. The new line is, of course, subsidized by the Japanese Government, but may be regarded as part of the present activity on the part of Japanese shipowners.



The present ordinary method of cleansing the teeth and mouth with tooth-powders and tooth-pastes is completely mistaken. Mistaken, that is to say, if anyone wishes to have sound teeth, and it must be imagined that this is the real aim of all care of the teeth. But anyone who wishes to keep his teeth sound and whole should clearly understand that it will be necessary for him to accustom himself to cleansing his mouth and teeth with an antiseptic fluid.

Cleansing the teeth with tooth-powders and tooth-pastes can never protect them from microbes; and for the simple reason that the very localities which are most liable to attack, the backs of the molars, fissures in the teeth, and crevices between them, are the places which are not purified by tooth-powders and tooth-pastes. In consequence, the mischief being once set up proceeds on its way uninterruptedly. But a fluid can penetrate everywhere, and when it is antiseptic it destroys all the enemies which attack the teeth. The dentifrice Odol is one that has a practical antiseptic effect, that is to say, it is a preparation that arrests all bacterial and fermentation processes;

The certain disinfection of the mouth and teeth resulting from the use of Odol is especially due to a remarkable property which this preparation alone possesses, and which causes it to be absorbed by the surface of the lining membrane and in the hollows of the teeth, so that it here deposits a store of antiseptic matter whose action continues for hours. By regular cleansing with Odol, healthy teeth are kept absolutely intact, and teeth already impaired are preserved from further destruction.

For this reason Odol must certainly be regarded as the best of all known preparations for cleansing the mouth and teeth.

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COLONIES OF A NEW SORT.

Out in Wisconsin, where they are fond of large experiments and rather enjoy venturing into new paths just to see what will happen, the State is about to try a scheme of co-operative colonization as a means of utilizing for agriculture the many millions of acres of public lands that have been laid waste by lumbermen.

The plan on which this will be done is one devised by a certain Arthur L. Williams, who is rather vaguely described as "an Eastern expert," and, as explained—not very lucidly—by the *Milwaukee Free Press* it combines the common fund feature of the "Little Landers" at San Isidro and the mortgage-loan department of the German Landschift, with provisions for credit borrowed from the Railffeisen system.

As solid foundation for the enterprise, there is a fund of $10,000,000, appropriated some time ago by the Legislature, to be used for developing the cut-over tracts. With this money land will be bought at wholesale rates in such quantities as any colony may desire; but each colonist will have to pay for what he wants whatever it is worth for his purpose. The difference between these two prices, which is expected nearly to equal the smaller, will form a fund for co-operative uses and the common benefit of the colonists. It will be administered under trustees acting under the State Board of Public Affairs, but the administration is to be along strictly business lines, with no slightest taint of charity at any point.

The colonies are to be composed of successful and efficient families, not paupers or defectives, and the land will be really theirs, to do with what they choose, and they can sell out when ever they wish for whatever they can get in case the advantages of the co-operative plan do not come up to their expectations. It is hoped, however, that the colonies will be permanent.

The plan seems not unpromising. Many sources of weakness that have proved fatal in the end to other schemes more or less socialistic or communistic have been eliminated, and the aspiration has been to be practical as well as up to date. The colonists will be a "peculiar people" only in that they will share a common desire to supplement individual effort by mutual assistance so far as it may prove agreeable and profitable. They will not be anybody's wards or protegés, while the rules by which they contract to abide will be made and enforced by themselves.—*New York Times.*

WIRELESS ON P. & O. STEAMERS.

In the House of Commons an Hon. Member, on behalf of Captain Craig, asked the President of the Board of Trade whether he was aware that only one Marconigram operator was carried by certain P. & O. mail steamers; and whether, in view of the experience gained within recent years, the Board would issue regulations that every ocean-going steamer fitted with the Marconigram instrument should carry at least two operators. Mr. Buxton replied:—I am informed by the P. & O. Company that only one Marconigram operator is carried on certain of their ships, and that it is difficult to find sufficient work for this operator, as there are few opportunities for communication east of Suez. The Board of Trade have no power to issue regulations as to the number of operators to be carried, but, as I have already stated to the House, a Bill requiring certain ships to be provided with wireless telegraphy apparatus has been prepared, and the question of operators will be dealt with in it.

SAFETY OF SHIPS AT SEA.

OUT-OF-DATE REGULATIONS.

At a meeting of the German Society of Naval Architects, holding its annual conference at Berlin, on the 22nd ult., a lecture was delivered by Professor Flamm, of Charlottenburg, on "The unsinkability of modern sea-going ships." The lecturer reviewed the history of precautionary regulations in England and Germany and said that the British regulation of 1888 to the effect that ships fitted with adequate watertight compartments need carry only half the number of boats ordered by law had been a blunder which was avenged by the sinking of the *Titanic*. In Germany, Professor Flamm said, the State had taken practically no thought at all for the security of sea-going ships until the loss of the *Elbe* in 1895, and in 1896 the general regulations regarding compartments had been introduced. These regulations were still in force 16 years later, and were quite unsuited to modern ships. They took no account of freight ships nor of the peculiarities of individual ships, and left unconsidered the stability of vessels which had sprung aleak.

Professor Flamm said that he had examined the watertight compartments of the *Lusitania* and *Mauretania* and found that they possessed "a true so-called incapacity to sink." He recommended that not too much trust should be placed in pumps, that lower decks should be illuminated by artificial light rather than through windows, and that the number of boats should be fixed, not according to tonnage, but according to the number of persons on board.

COLLISION IN THE INLAND SEA.

SCHOONER SUNK.

The s.s. *Oriental* collided with and sank an unknown schooner off Ten Foot Rock at 2.12 a.m. on the 7th inst., says the *Kobe Herald*. The schooner had no lights visible. A boat was at once lowered and the *Oriental* brought to anchor. The boat cruised about the scene of the collision until 4 a.m., when the tide becoming too strong, it was called alongside. At daylight the anchor was weighed and the wreck located under half a mile, and after making sure that there was no survivor on the masts which were above the water, or in the vicinity, at 7 a.m. the steamer proceeded on her course to Kobe, having stood by the wreck 4½ hours. It is hoped that all the crew were able to save themselves in their own boat, as nothing was heard or seen of them by the *Oriental's* boat when cruising about looking for them.

INTIMATIONS

ECZEMA ON WRIST AND RIGHT ARM

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J. REID, Esq., Chairman,
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Hongkong, 19th December, 1912. [1433

NOTICE.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th to the 31st December, 1912, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
M. G. BECK,
Secretary.
Shanghai, 16th December, 1912. [1418

IN THE MATTER of SECTION 181 of COMPANIES' ORDINANCE of 1911 of Hongkong
AND
IN THE MATTER of the CONNAUGHT AERATED WATER COMPANY, LIMITED,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a MEETING of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Nos. 63 and 65, Queen's Road East, on SATURDAY, the 11th day of JANUARY, 1913, at 2 o'clock P.M.

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WONG SIU LEUNG,
1416] Liquidator.

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N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1911. [2

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GEORGE HOGG,
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Hongkong, 2nd November, 1912. [1248

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K. TSUDZURABARA, Manager.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1911. [1279

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F. C. MACDONALD,
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Hongkong, 7th September, 1912. [909

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WM. DICKSON,
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Hongkong, 12th April, 1912. [133

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E. J. H. VAN DELDEN, Acting Manager,
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TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
Manager.
Hongkong, 13th November, 1912. [443

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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WHAT WOMAN'S FREEDOM MEANS IN ART AND LITERATURE.

[BY LAURENCE HOUSMAN IN THE "DAILY NEWS."]

Before considering what woman's freedom means to the various departments of art, let us be sure that we first understand the actual meaning of the words "Woman's Freedom." Woman's freedom does not consist and never will consist merely in the possession of a vote; there are a great many men possessing votes who are by no means free, largely because they do not value freedom. But if women, when they obtain the vote, value freedom, as many are showing that they value it by their struggle to obtain the vote, then without doubt we shall see in all departments of life and art a new influence showing itself, different in kind from any influence that has hitherto held sway in our civic life. Freedom for women has a two-fold aspect—outwardly it may be described as "right of way," a right to enter, without any artificial barriers imposed by the other sex, into all the departments of life, there to test their power and their limitations without hindrance and without favour; inwardly it means something deeper and more important, it means a power for moral and spiritual initiative, to the exercise of which "right of way" will only provide the means.

Under our present civilisation, and largely owing, as I believe, to the age-long subject of women, society is over-sexed; differentiation of sex has been increased, and sex feeling has been over-accentuated and under-disciplined, because in the so-called "duel of sex" while the woman's moral equality has not been recognised women have employed their sex charm as the most effective weapon for compassing their ends, and men on the whole have wished to have it so. The London magistrate's advice to the wife seeking relief against her husband, "by submission rule," really means in ninety-nine case of a hundred, rule by seduction or flattery, and the seduction and flattery of man by the sex which he had kept more or less within artificial barriers of his own dividing is writ large over the face of history, literature, and art.

MAN'S MEAN ADVANTAGE.

Hitherto, dating from primitive ages, the woman's need of protection during the periods of motherhood has been taken advantage of by man for putting her in a place of his own choosing, and thereafter for accentuating and making permanent that physical different or disadvantage which, but for motherhood, would scarcely exist, and even with motherhood is not noticeable in many native tribes, where the women are practically as strong as the men and often do the heavier work. But from the time that social man comes to recognise that the mother, who risks her life in bearing strength to the race, has the moral right not only to protection while she is fulfilling that essential function for the community, but to her freedom after she has fulfilled it—the same freedom that a man claims after he has fought for his country—from that time you will get the possibility, at least, of a new freedom for women, which will touch and vitally affect some of the deepest and most pressing problems of health, race and birth.

Now and then in art there has appeared momentarily the suggestion of something nobler and of more civic value in womanhood than the mere seductiveness of sex-charms; it shows most noticeably in the work of Michel Angelo, a painter who, by all accounts, held himself free from the wiles of woman, but who had nevertheless a passionate nature and a great social instinct, and the note which Michel Angelo shows in his work is what I may describe as virile, unsubjugated motherhood—the mother and the athlete combined in one. Yet over that great conception broods an intense melancholy, because the whole world was then so very far away from the realisation of the artist's dream.

In those figures of Michel Angelo there was an element of revolt and of protest against invisible bonds; and in a good deal of the work of women writers in the past the element of revolt has not been absent, and one of its signs has been a definite broaching of subjects which at the time it was thought unfitting for women to deal with. I need only name two instances—the Brontës and George Eliot. At the time when they wrote certain of their novels which dealt boldly with questions of sex, it was considered something of a scandal that the writers should be women. Now, clearly when women are really free it will no longer be possible to draw any such line, or to deny to the women an equal right to deal freely with those matters which do after all concern them and their children even more deeply than they concern men. I am aware, of course, that many women writers do insist on dealing with them, but there is still an element of disapprobation in some female minds at their presuming to do so. The freedom of woman, with civic power in her hand equal to man's for dealing with all the terrible problems of our social life, will I trust and believe sweep away that barrier of false modesty which has hitherto left those problems too largely to a one-sided solution.

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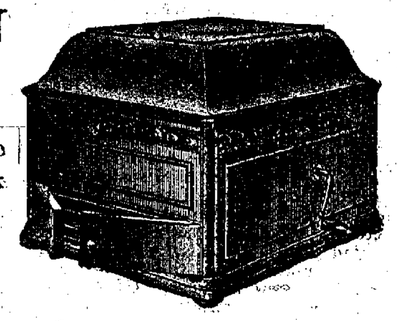
It may seem to some that all this takes us rather far away from the effect of woman's freedom on literature, art, and the drama; but all living and valuable art is really communal—it has somewhere in it the social or citizen spirit. And woman's freedom, awakening in her the communal sense, will undoubtedly touch all branches of art to more communal ends. For one thing the woman will bring with her that sense of the home which is in her blood but which has been almost wholly eliminated from our over-commercialised state. It is an appalling commentary on the quality of pleasure which satisfies our modern crowds that nearly all the pleasure houses which we build for our entertainment are extravagantly garish or sordidly ugly—that they have no real beauty.

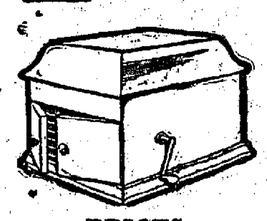
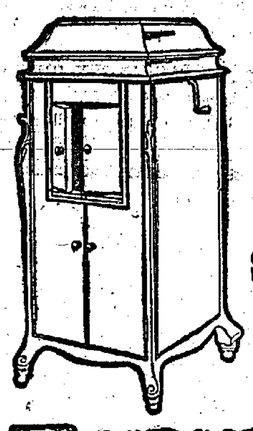
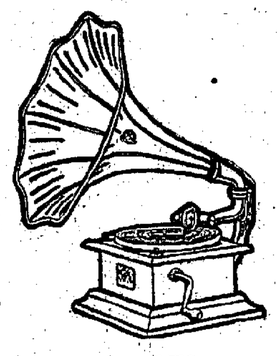
I have touched first upon architecture, because architecture is the matrix in which nearly all the other arts form themselves, and it is the most obviously communal expression of art, because of its close application to social needs. If your architecture is wrong everything else is liable to go wrong that you put inside it. If your architecture is right, there you have a sound basis upon which your other arts can flourish. We look at the splendid guildhalls which enshrine the civic life of mediæval cities, and we feel sure that they gave a depth and colour to local patriotism which we have now largely lost. In olden days the city was the fortified home of the citizen; now it is too often merely a centre for trade. The rush of trade has driven from our streets and public places that sense of home which once lived behind strong walls.

Given, then this touch of home in our civic life, it will surely be reflected in the arts and especially, I think, in the drama. Virile, self-possessed, unsubjugated motherhood, with its right of equal place in the State freely recognised by man, would sweep away and make impossible the bulk of that school of frivolous musical comedy which inflicts our theatres to-day, and which is so largely based on the humours of the demi-mondaine outlook on sex.

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1912. [1

JAPAN AND MEXICO.

MORE RUMOURS.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* in a leading article says:—

From Magdalena bay the reports of Japanese designs upon the American continent have shifted to Manzanillo harbour. There, according to a dispatch from Mexico City, the Mexican Government has already expended on port works $8,000,000 (Mex.) and has recently appropriated $6,000,000 (Mex.) more to complete the undertaking.

There is now a rumour (Mex.) that Japan has been secretly negotiating to buy out the whole business and establish a naval base there. "Absolutely accurate, detailed information covering the entire deal" is said to have been given to a correspondent by Ram Garcia Alfaro, who is described as being one of the superintendents of construction on the Manzanillo works.

No books of reference being available which contain the name of Ram Garcia Alfaro, it is possible at this distance only to speculate as to that personality. It is probable, however, that he is a great humorist (Mex.). Certainly his story of Japan's secret negotiations was a good one to "put over" on the correspondent who wired it.

But is it not time that these rumours of Japan's alleged purpose to obtain a naval base on the American continent were discontinued? The first one made interesting enough reading on a dull day until it was denied by both Japan and Mexico, the Foreign Minister of the latter country declaring that neither Japan nor any other Foreign Government could get a foot of Mexican soil "without fighting for it."

Since then the Lodge resolution has been passed by the United States Senate, and the principle of it accepted by Mexico. And Japan, whose interest it is to be on friendly terms with this country, is not likely to challenge this extension of the Monroe doctrine.

Still another rumour which from time to time is given currency has to do with Japanese designs upon the Philippines. As to this, the statement of Kinosuke Inui, vice-President of the Great Lakes International Arbitration Society, in his lecture at Stanford University on Thursday probably accurately expressed intelligent Japanese opinion.

"Japan would not take the Philippines as a gift," declared Inui, and he told the reason why. It costs the United States at the present time something like $80,000,000 annually to govern the islands, while Japan is enjoying her trade with them at no national expense.

Any purchases or investments which Japanese may make on the American continent or in American possessions will be private business ventures. There has been a large German colonization in Brazil and a large Italian colonization in Argentina, but the Brazilian and Argentine governments are supreme over them. It will be so in Mexico.

THE INDIAN ARMY COMMISSION.

OFFICE OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF TO BE ABOLISHED.

LONDON, November 27th.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* publishes a forecast of the report of the Indian Army Commission. The most striking feature of the report is a recommendation to abolish the post of Commander-in-Chief with the termination of Sir O'Moore Creagh's tenure. The report suggests the replacing of the Commander-in-Chief by a small Army Council, headed by a Chief of Staff, whose duties will be approximately similar to those of the French Chief of Staff. The *Pall Mall* also says that the report proposes the creation of the post of Inspector-General for the whole troops in India, both British and native.

It is probable that with the consent of the semi-independent princes their forces will be included. The report says that it has been found quite impossible to reduce the cost of the army to £15,000,000 as suggested. Only by the most rigorous pruning can even £2,000,000 be saved, and the Committee is in no wise agreed on the wisdom even of this reduction. The report will probably suggest a reduction of the strength of British units in India to a peace footing, and decentralisation of control will be recommended with a view to economy. No officer of the headquarters staff will retain the same power as he now possesses.

On the above wire the *"Times of Ceylon"* comments:—The apparently inspired forecast of the *Pall Mall Gazette* relative to the forthcoming report of the Indian Army Commission is interesting. Since Japan clipped the claws of the Russian bear seven years ago there has been as far as we can see no adequate reason for the maintenance of a military establishment in India at practically war strength. The establishment in 1910-11 numbered including all services, very nearly 300,000 men, of whom 76,000 were British units, 160,000 natives, 37,000 Volunteers, and 20,000 Imperial Service troops, which is the name given to the forces raised and maintained by native states. The latter provide a specially strong force of cavalry, numbering about 6,600. The two largest contingents of these troops are said to be provided by the States of Gwalior and Kashmir. The present military administration is conducted by the headquarters staff and the army department, both of which are under the supreme control of the Commander-in-Chief. The first-named comprises the division of the chief of the general staff, the adjutant-general's division, the quartermaster-general's division, the ordnance division, and the military works division. The army department deals with supply and finance. The estimated net charge for the military service of India for the year 1909-10 was something like 18½ millions, and it is unlikely that last year's expenditure was any less heavy. It seems, however, that the Committee are fully alive to the danger of urging any sweeping measures of economy without the most careful preliminary enquiry, and there is apparently little prospect of the authorities finding themselves able to effect a really substantial reduction in the cost of our Indian army's upkeep.

THE EYE OF THE GOLFER.

Mr. Horace Hutchinson writes in a Home paper:—

Lately we have had rather a futile exposition of the art of playing golf with the eyes bandaged, in the form of a match in which a professional of the first class, blindfolded like the classic god of love, played an amateur of the second class with both eyes open. The result was victory for the open-eye man by 6 up and 7 to play, the Cupid halving just three holes out of the eleven, which it was necessary to play before he was beaten and done with. Had it been otherwise, Nature herself would almost seem to have stood convicted of a work of supererogation in troubling to supply a man with eyes at all. The singular impertinence of this most gross practical contradiction of the ancient maxim about keeping the eye on the ball was sufficiently demonstrated. Our forefathers, besides their most notable achievement in producing such progeny as ourselves, had a certain share of wisdom for which we do not always credit them.

But, after all, ridiculous affair as was this so-called match, is not the most surprising thing about it not that the blindfolded professional should have been beaten by so many holes—I think I have been less than kind to the merit of the amateur opposed to him in rating him as of the second class—but that he should have halved any, even so few as three? Is it not most surprising that the match should have been made at all, or that a man should be able to hit the ball—that he should not starkly miss the globe—with no eyes to guide his movements? That is the really astonishing and interesting point of the whole. I am told—I do not believe all I am told—that Mayo and also Taylor have driven when blindfolded balls teed on the glasses of watches, with the watches beneath the glasses. Whether their own watches or borrowed for the occasion is not stated, nor whether they were watches of great price. It might make an interesting match—I am not sure that I would not take either of those professionals on at the terms—to play them with the handicap that for each tee-shot they drive off the faces of watches—their own watches—even with their eyes open. It is to be observed, presuming the tale about them and their driving off these fragile and more or less precious objects to be true, that Mayo has a very perfect and correct and mechanical swing, while Taylor's is a type of the rigidly set swing, with very exact working of the muscular machinery, so that it might seem as if these two were more likely to make a success of such conjuring tricks than most people, even in their own exalted class of golf. And, putting out of the question watches and all objects of *bijouterie* as tees, the simple fact that it is possible for a man to swing a club right round his head and bring it down, at a rate which common parlance speaks of as a thousand miles a minute, so exactly as to hit absolutely truly so small an object as a golf-ball—it means exactness to within a quarter of an inch, at a liberal computation—and all without the use of his eyes to guide him, surely this indicates an exact working of the muscles of the human frame which becomes the more surprising the more we consider it. It is wonderful enough, on consideration, that it should be possible thus to swing and thus to hit even with the eyes open and firmly looking at the object to be struck. Most of us have been astonished at one time or another to watch two street workmen, or sometimes three at once of his species, striking in succession and with perfect timing and with heavy hammers at an iron crowbar that they are hammering into the ground, and even more astonished perhaps at the temerity of the person who without an apparent tremor of the nerves, holds that crowbar in position with his hand. If one of those hammers deviated by a couple of inches from the correct swing his arm must be broken like a stick. Yet they do not deviate. But we can scarcely imagine that the nerves of the holder would not develop some little tremor if the three men were to be set to work to swing their "one-man beetles" on to the bar with their eyes bandaged. The hitting of a golf ball correctly is an affair of much more nicety, and it is far more likely that a man would miss that small object by two inches. The fact that he does not so miss it is a witness, which is independently confirmed by other testimony, that "eye," in the sense in which we commonly use the term in speaking of ball games, is of much less importance in golf than in most of them, or than in such sports as shooting. It has been constantly stated that the naval authorities did a good turn for golf in refusing Taylor for the Navy because there was something not quite up to their requirements in his eyesight. Both Mat and Jamie Allan, in the very first rank of professional players of their time, also had something a little amiss about their eyes. The number of merely short-sighted men who are good golfers must be legion, but that counts for very little, because a short-sighted person is often very accurate and keen of sight within a restricted range. Indeed, it is just possible that shortness of sight may be a positive advantage for golf-playing purposes, for no man can have much temptation to look up too quickly to see where the ball is going if he knows that this doubtfully satisfactory sight is quite impossible to him. At least one eminent and short-sighted golfer was in the habit of snatching up his eyeglass after the stroke to admire the flying ball—Mr. "Andy" Stuart.

After all, it is not very surprising that the value of the keen and quick eye should be less in golf, which is a game wherein the ball is at rest when the player strikes it, than in the large majority of ball games in which it is in rapid motion. Naturally, a blindfold batsman would be absolutely helpless. The best game he could play would be to keep his bat upright and motionless before the wicket. He could make no manner of game at all of it. Obviously, what we mean by a good "eye" for ball games generally is not merely the vision which enables us to hit a ball accurately when we have ascertained its position. Apparently it is not by virtue of vision at all, or only in a very slight degree, that we accomplish that accuracy: it is, rather, by a wonderfully correct and exact movement of trained muscles, measuring the distance by the sense of their extension communicated to the nerves. The function of the good and glad eye is rather to ascertain for us exactly where the rapidly moving ball is at the moment that the bat or other weapon is to meet it, or the exact place of the bird when the shot shall meet it. A "quick" eye, is probably a better phrase than a "good" eye, for it is just this faculty of quick picking up of the place of the moving object that we seem to mean by it. It would be interesting to see what could be done by a blindfold man at games other than golf—say, billiards—in which, as at golf, the ball is still when it is struck.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 18th at 12.05 p.m.—Conditions are abnormal over the whole map.

Pressure is highest to the east of central Japan. A depression formed rapidly to the east of Shanghai last night. It will probably move eastward.

Pressure is recovering slowly over the Yangtze Valley, but has further decreased over Formosa.

The monsoon will probably set in again along the E. coast of China to-morrow. Light or variable winds are indicated over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.07 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:

DISTRICT	FORECAST.
* Hongkong & Neighbourhood	
Formosa Channel ...	Variable winds, moderate, squally
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks.	The same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan .	The same as No. 1.

* N.E. or variable winds, light to moderate; cloudy, foggy.

SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

CHANGCHOW, British str., 1,203, Trowbridge, 14th December—Tientsin 8th December, General. — Butterfield & Swire.

CHIHLI, British str., 1,143, McGarity, 16th December—Wuhu 10th December, Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.

CHIYO MARU, Japanese str., 7,250, W. W. Greene, 16th December—San Francisco 15th November, General.—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.

CLAUDIUS AULAGNON, Russian str., 2,375, P. Kroger, 13th December—Odessa 27th December, General.—Order.

ERVIKEN, Norwegian str., 1,140, Augensen, 14th December—Port Arthur 8th December, Coal. — Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

FEICHING, Chinese str., 968, A. A. Crawford, 17th December—Chefoo 11th December, General.—Chinese.

HANGSANG, British str., 1,356, S. Wilde, 14th December—Shanghai 12th December, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HEIMDAL, Norwegian str., 979, J. A Johnson, 14th December—Haiphong 12th December, Stone. — Shewan, Tomes & Co.

HOPSANG, British str., 1,359, T. M. Hay, 13th December—Java 3rd December, Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

KANCHOW, British str., 1,217, Monkman, 12th December—Swatow 12th December, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

KIYO MARU, Japanese str., 16th December—Manila 13th December, General. —Toyo Kisen Kaisha.

KUEICHOW, British str., 1,205, Cole, 12th December—Tientsin 5th December, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

KUMANO MARU, Japanese str., 5,076, M. Winckler, 17th December—Yokohama 7th December, General. — Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

KUROST, Russian str., 2,000, Padalka, 11th December—Vladivostock 2nd December, General.—Russian Volunteer Fleet.

KUTSANG, British str., 3,109, R. C. D. Bradley, 10th December—Singapore 4th December, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

KWANGTAH, Chinese str., 1,536, Chas. Stewart, 16th December—Shanghai 13th December, General.—Chinese.

LOKSANG, British str., 973, Bowker, 16th December—Shanghai 12th December, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

MAUSANG, British str., 1,644, A. C. A. Corneck, 16th December—Sandakan 10th December, Timber and General. —Jardine, Matheson & Co.

MEXICAN MARU, British str., 1,953, J. C. Young, 15th December—Balik Papan 8th December, Bulk Oil.—Asiatic Petroleum & Co.

NAMSANG, British str., 4,035, H. E. Gilroy, 14th December—Japan 9th December, Coal and General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

NISSIM MARU, Japanese str., 2,351, R. Minagama, 9th December—Wakamatsu 3rd December, Coal.—Order.

OPLAND, Norwegian str., 749, Ericksen, 16th December—Foochow 14th December, Case Oil.—Asiatic Petroleum Co.

SUISANG, British str., 1,760, S. J. Payne, 16th December—Java 5th December, Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

TIENTSIN, British str., 1,128, Robertson, 14th December—Swatow 13th December, Ballast.—Butterfield & Swire.

TRIUMPH, German str., 714, Langschwager, 15th December—Hoihow 14th December, Rice and General.—Jebsen & Co.

TSUGARU, Japanese str., 7,673, Yoshijima, 9th December—Makong 14th November, Nil.—Order.

TUNGWAH, British str., 746, H. Troggert, 15th December—Tientsin 9th December, General.—Chinese.

VARG, Norwegian str., 874, P. Armussen, 14th December—Swatow 12th December, Ballast.—Order.

VLADIMIR, Russian str., 3,197, Kamichansky, 17th December—Odessa 9th December, General.—Russian Volunteer Fleet.

WAISHING, British str., 1,170, G. S. Holmwood, 15th December—Chinwantao 9th December, Coal.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

YATSHING, British str., 1,424, R. Y. Anderson, 10th December—Moji 5th December, Coal.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

YUENSANG, British str., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 17th December—Manila 14th December, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

YUSHUN, Chinese str., 1,075, E. R. Pratt, 13th December—Shanghai 10th Dec., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

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ARRIVALS AT HOME

December 17th—*Nyanza, Den of Glamis, Paul Lecat* and *Priam.*

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The O.S.K. str. *Tacoma Maru*, from Tacoma, left Manila for this port on the 18th December, a.m., and is expected to be here on the 20th December, between 10 a.m. and noon.

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ZAFIRO	4000	Cross	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	On 27th Dec., 4 P.M.
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WESTWARD.

S.S. "THONGWA," 6,298 tons, Capt. R. P. Fysh, will be despatched for for SINGAPORE, PENANG and CALCUTTA on 27th Dec.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TONS	TO SAIL.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP and BREMEN... ...	"LUETZOW," Capt. J. BORTFELDT.	17,300	Wed'day, 25th Dec., at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"PRINZ LUDWIG," Capt. F. VON BINZER,	18,300	About Thursday, 26th Dec.
MANILA, YAP, SAMARAI, MARONN, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOUNE	"PRINZ WALDEMAR," Capt. H. BREMER,	6,100	Saturday, 28th Dec., at 9 A.M.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"COBLENZ," Capt. L. KLUGHIST,	6,100	About Tuesday, 7th Jan.,
KUDAT and SANDAKAN	"BORNEO" Capt. F. SEMBILL,	5,000	Middle of Jan.

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STEAMSHIP	DISPLACEMENT.	
*"GOEBEN" Capt. A. AHLBORN.	17,300 tons	ON FEBRUARY 4TH.
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"PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH" Capt. E. MALCHOW.	16,000 ,,	ON MARCH 19TH.
*"BUELOW" Capt. H. FORMES.	17,250 ,,	ON APRIL 1ST.
"PRINZESS ALICE" Capt. L. FRANCK.	20,300 ,,	ON APRIL 16TH.
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SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

ANHUI, British str., 1,350, J. B. Harris, 18th December—Shanghai 15th December, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

ANPING, Chinese str., 1,412, Mackinnon, 18th December—Shanghai 15th December, General.—Chinese.

AMAZONE, French str., 2,958, Girard, 18th December—Marseilles 17th November, General.—Messageries Maritimes.

CHINHUA, British str., 18th December—Canton.

DAIJIN MARU, Japanese str., 1,576, D. Fuchigami, 18th December—Tamsui 15th December, General.—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

GLENFALLOCH, British str., W. L. Gardner, 18th December—Singapore 14th December, General.—Chinese.

HAITAN, British str., 1,183, J. S. Roach, 18th December—Swatow 17th December, General.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

JOHANNE, German str., 951, H. Ipland, 17th December—Calcutta 4th December, General.—Order.

KING SING, British str., 1,222, H. G. N. Walker, 18th December—Shanghai 14th December, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

KOON SHING, British str., 1,333, Wright, 18th December—Shanghai 15th December, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

MISHIMA MARU, Japanese str., 4,000, A. E. Moses, 18th December—Singapore 12th December, General.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

SABINE RICKMERS, German str., 18th December—Canton.

SIAM, British str., 18th December—Canton.

WINGSANG, British str., 1,517, T. H. Lishman, 18th December—Chinkiang 13th December, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

YUSHUN, Chinese str., 18th December—Canton.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

December 18th.

ANPING, British str., for Canton.
GLENFALLOCH, British str., for Amoy.
NISSHU MARU, Japanese str., for Miike.
MISHIMA MARU, Japanese str., for S'pore.
SIAM, British str., for Hongay.
TSINTAU, British str., for Bangkok.
WINGSANG, British str., for Canton.

DEPARTURES.

December 18th.

AMAZONE, French str., for Yokohama.
FRITHJOF, Norwegian str., for Bangkok.
KAIJO MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.
KOON SHING, British str., for Canton.
KWONGSANG, British str., for Swatow.
LANDRAT SCHEIFF, German str., for S'tow.
LIENSHING, British str., for Swatow.
LOVAT, British str., for Shanghai.
MACHEW, German str., for Hoihow.
SABINE RICHMERS, Dutch str., for Swatow.
SIKIANG, French str., for Haiphong.
TAISHUN, Chinese str., for Canton.
TANGO MARU, Japanese str., for London.
WAISHING, British str., for Canton.
YAWATA MARU, Japanese str., for Japan.

VESSELS EXPECTED

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. *Monteagle* arrived at Shanghai on the 16th December, at 9.30 p.m., and left again at noon on the 17th December for Moji, where she is due to arrive on the 19th December, at 6 a.m.

The T.K.K. str. *Nippon Maru* left San Francisco for Hongkong via usual ports on the 7th December, and is due here on the 31st December.

The P.M. str. *Nile* left Yokohama for the usual Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila on the 12th December, between 10 a.m. and noon.

The T.K.K. str. *Tenyo Maru* left San Francisco for Hongkong via usual ports on the 13th December, and may be expected here on the 9th January.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I.M.G. str. *Coblenz* left Sydney on the 14th December, at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about 6th January.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India* arrived at Nagasaki on the 17th December, at 8.30 a.m., and left again at 2 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive on the 18th December, at 7 p.m.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. str. *Delta* left Singapore for this port on the 14th December, at 6 p.m., and is due here on the 20th December, about 6 a.m.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Ludwig*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 27th November, left Colombo on the 15th December, p.m., and may be expected here on the 26th December, p.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The A.L. str. *Africa* left Shanghai for this port on the 16th December, and will arrive here on the 19th December, a.m.

The H.A.L. str. *Armenia* left Singapore on the 14th December, a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 20th December, a.m.

The "Ben" Line Str. *Benlawers*, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore on 12th inst. for this port.

The str. *Dilwara*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 15th December, and may be expected here on or about the 20th December, p.m.

The O.S.K. str. *Tacoma Maru* from Tacoma arrived at Manila on the 15th December, and will leave again for this port on the 18th December, and is due here on the 21th December, a.m.

The str. *Kansas* passed the Suez Canal on the 3rd December, and is due here on or about 3rd January.

The T.K.K. str. *Kiyo Maru* arrives at Honolulu from Manzanille on the 13th December, and is due in Hongkong on the 18th January.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Chunsang, from Java, is due in Hongkong 22nd December.

INDRA LINE.

Indramayo, from New York, is due in Hongkong 23rd December.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAMES.	FLAG & RIG	BERTH.	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON, VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	HIMALAYA	Brit. str.	—	H. G. Evans R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 21st inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	DENBIGHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	About 24th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &C.	SICILIA	Brit. str.	—	C. H. Watkins, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 25th inst.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG &C.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Deinat	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 11th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &C.	FUERST BUELOW	Ger. str.	k. w.	Jäger	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 24th Jan.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &C.	ALESIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Habel	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 24th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG, &C.	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Buch	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 16th Jan.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &C.	ARMENIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 25th Jan.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &C.	SEGOVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Lübcke	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 23rd inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &C	KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. L. Sommer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st Jan., at D'light.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA JAPAN &C.	TACOMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Hamada	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 26th inst., at 2 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &C.	AWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	R. Shimizu	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst., at Noon.
VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, B.C., SEATTLE & TACOMA, &C.	OCKLEY	Brit. str.	—		THE BANK LINE LTD.	End of Dec.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA. VIA KEELUNG, &C	PANAMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. Kanao	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 7th Jan., at 2 P.M.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON	LUETZOW	Ger. str.	—	J. Bortfeldt	MELCHERS & Co.	On 25th inst., at 10 A.M.
TRIESTE, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, &C.	AFRICA	Aus. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & Co.	To-day, at 5 P.M.
TRIESTE, FIUME, VENICE VIA SINGAPORE, &C.,	PERSIA	Aus. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & Co.	About 31st inst.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	SCHUYLKILL	Am. str.	—		THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 30th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SWAZI	Am. str.	—		SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	About 9th Jan.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	EGREMONT CASTLE	Brit. str.	—		DODWELL & Co. LTD.	About 21st inst.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &C.	EMPRESS OF INDIA	Brit. str.	2 m.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 11th Jan., at 7 A.M.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &C.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. Davison	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 8th Mar., at 7 A.M.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &C.	CHIYO MARU	Jap. str.	—	W. W. Greene	TOYO KAISEN KAISHA	On 21st inst., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &C.	NILE	Am. str.	—		PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 31st inst., at 1 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &C.	MONGOLIA	Am. str.	—		PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 7th Jan., at 1 P.M.
COPENHAGEN & BALTIC PORTS	CANTON	Swed. str.	—		ARTHUR NILSSON & Co.	On 15th Jan.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Winckler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	H. Bremer	MELCHERS & Co.	On 28th inst., at 9 A.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	ST. ALBANS	Brit. str.	—		GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. Finlayson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
CAPEPORTS VIA MAURITIUS	DUNERIC	Brit. str.	—	Tullock	THE BANK LINE LIMITED	Beginning of January.
MEXICAN, PERUVIAN & CHILEAN VIA JAPAN	KIYO MARU	Jap. str.	—		TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 1st Feb., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	UPADA	Brit. str.	—	Logan	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 21st inst., at D'light.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE via SHANGHAI	VOERWAERTS	Aus. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & Co.	About 30th inst.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MISHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at 11 A.M.
KOBE & MOJI	ABRATOON APCAR	Brit. str.	—	R. F. Thomson	DAVID SASSOON & Co., LTD.	On 30th inst.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	COBLENZ	Ger. str.	—	L. Klugkist	MELCHERS & Co.	About 7th Jan.
JAPAN	TYITAROEM	Dut. str.	—		JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN	Quick despatch.
TSINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	HANGCHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	Morse	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHINHUA	Brit. str.	1 m	Benson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	RANGOON MARU	Jap. str.	—	Kamoshita	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day.
SHANGHAI	DELTA	Brit. str.	—	E. P. Martin, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 21st inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI	LOKSANG	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 21st inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI	LIANGCHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st inst., at M'night.
SHANGHAI	WAISHING	Brit. str.	—	S. Holmwood	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 22nd inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI	HANGSANG	Brit. str.	—	Spencer Wilde	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 22nd inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI	KINGSING	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 22nd inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ARMENIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 22nd inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HAKATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Nomura	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst.
SHANGHAI	KOONSHING	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 24th inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	DILWARA	Brit. str.	—	W. J. Bishop	DAVID SASSOON & Co., LTD.	On 24th inst.
SHANGHAI	WINGSANG	Brit. str.	—	T. H. Lishman	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 25th inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI	CHENAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	L. Jones	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SUNDA	Brit. str.	—	C. E. Irving, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 26th inst.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PRINZ LUDWIG	Ger. str.	—	F. von Binzer	MELCHERS & Co.	About 25th inst.
SHANGHAI	KOERBER	Aus. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & Co.	On 5th Jan., at D'light.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CARMARTHENSHIRE	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	About 14th Jan.
SHANGHAI	TJIKINI	Dut. str.	—		JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN	Quick despatch.
ANPING & TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY	SOSHU MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Tashira	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at 8 A.M.
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Fuchigami	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at 10 A.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. S. Roach	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAIYANG	Brit. str.	2 h.	A. E. Hodgins	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	On 24th inst., at D'light.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	W. C. Passmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.	On 27th inst., at D'light.
MANILA	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	—	P. H. Rolfe	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 21st inst., at 2 P.M.
MANILA, MANGARIN, ILOILO & CEBU	ZAFIRO	Am. str.	—	Cross	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	KUEICHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	Foresyth	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	Leask	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 28th inst., at 2 P.M.
MANILA, MANGARIN, ILOILO & CEBU	RUBI	Am. str.	—	Miller	SHEWAN TOMES & Co.	On 7th Jan., at 4 P.M.
BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, &C.	TJILATJAP	Dut. str.	—		JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN	Quick despatch.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	WAKASA MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Nielsen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	YATSHING	Brit. str.	—	R. Y. Anderson	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	To-morrow, at Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	NAMSANG	Brit. str.	—	G. M. B. Lake	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 24th inst., at 2 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	THONGWA	Brit. str.	—	Fyah	DAVID SASSOON & Co., LD.	On 27th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON & CALCUTTA	COLOMBO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Kawashima	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, & RANGOON	OKARA	Brit. str.	—	E. B. Hirst	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 12th Jan., at Noon.
SANDAKAN	MAUSANG	Brit. str.	—	Cornock	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 21st inst., at 4 P.M.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—	F Sembill	MELCHERS & Co.	Middle of Jan.
HAIPHONG	SINGAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. D. Milne	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th inst., at 10 A.M.
KWANG CHOW WANG & HAIPHONG	SI-KIANG	Fren. str.	—	E. de Catalano	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 1st Jan., at 9 A.M.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"DELTA,"

Captain E. P. Martin, R.N.R., will leave for Shanghai on SATURDAY, 21st inst., at D'light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
H. W. D. SHALLARD,
Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1912. [1

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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THE Steamship

"HIMALAYA,"

Captain H. G. Evans, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 21st December, 1912, at NOON, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Co.'s s.s. "MANTUA," 11,000 tons, from Colombo, passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, Tea and Cargo for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay in the s.s. "MACEDONIA," due in London on the 1st February, 1913.

Parcels will be received at the Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to
H. W. D. SHALLARD,
Acting Superintendent,
Hongkong, 9th December, 1912. [1

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1912. [1295

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FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

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THE Steamship

"SCHUYLKILL"

will be despatched from this Port on MONDAY, the 30th Dec.

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1912. [1410

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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1912. [1378

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Anping*, from Shanghai, Mr. Levy.

Per *Koon Shing*, from Shanghai, Capt. H. J. Payne.

Per *Anhui*, from Shanghai, Mr. Bush, Mr. King, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Haigh, Mr. Scott, Mr. Tidbury and Miss Ada Rowley.

Per *Amazone*, for Hongkong, from Marseilles, Mr. Girardot; from Singapore, Mr. Taucher, Mr. Standish, Mr. C. Delworth, Mr. J. S. Duma; from Saigon, Mme. Joblin, Mr. Vidal, Mr. James Palware, Mr. Worthy, Mr. F. Wood and Mlle. V. Heart.

Per *Mishima Maru*, for Hongkong, from London, etc., Mr. and Mrs. H. J. P. Anderson and child, Mrs. P. Jordi, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. H. Beavis and child, Miss M. Campbell, Mrs. L. F. Reynolds Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bramwell and 2 children, Mrs. F. C. Laing and 2 children, Mrs. L. Tennant, Miss C. E. Saunders, Miss L. Stanton, Miss H. G. Orr, Mrs. J. L. Miller, Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. and Mrs. C. Goyet and 3 children, Miss A. Bourdin, Mr. and Mrs. W. Pett, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kennedy and 2 children, Miss B. M. Bryant, Miss O. Germain, Mr. H. Ralph, Mr. A. McIntyre, Mr. M. James, Mr. F. N. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Merrison and child, Mr. L. Levy, Capt. R. Ramsey, Mr. S. J. Quinn and Mr. C. S. Stammon.

DEPARTED.

Per *Manchuria*, for San Francisco, etc., Rev. J. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Carrere and 2 children, Mr. G. M. Schlesinger, Mr. A. Mellin, Master C. Briggs, Mr. A. Poulet, Mr. and Mrs. Murray and child, Mr. H. Nellner, Miss B. Collins, Mr. A. C. Alexander, Miss Ada Place, Sir Chas. Elliot, Mr. W. T. Hinton, Mrs. R. W. Briggs, Mr. W. E. Pratt, Major S. Palmer, Mr. H. Weitz, Mr. A. D. Anderson, Mrs. B. V. Collins, Mrs. Brockelbank, Miss L. S. Place, Paymaster E. A. McMillan, U.S.A., Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tibbey, Miss K. Briggs, Mr. Lucien Kunchel, Mr. J. E. Gibson, Mr. J. Bernhard, Mr. W. H. Burtt, Mr. T. Jensen, Capt. and Mrs. A. C. Almy, U.S.A.

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"YATSHING"	Friday, 20th Dec., Noon.
* MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Saturday, 21st Dec., 2 P.M.
† SHANGHAI	"LOKSANG"	Saturday, 21st Dec., D'light.
† SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Saturday, 21st Dec., 4 P.M.
† SHANGHAI	"WAISHING"	Sunday, 22nd Dec., D'light.
† SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Sunday, 22nd Dec., D'light.
† SHANGHAI	"KINGSING"	Sunday, 22nd Dec., D'light.
† SHANGHAI	"KOONSHING"	Tuesday, 24th Dec., D'light.
*SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Tuesday, 24th Dec., 2 P.M.
† SHANGHAI	"WINGSANG"	Wed'day, 25th Dec., D'light.
* MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Saturday, 28th Dec., 2 P.M.

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THE ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY.

"SHIRE" LINE SERVICE.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	DATE OF DEPARTURE
LONDON & ANTWERP	"DENBIGHSHIRE"	About 24th Dec.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"CARMARTHENSHIRE"	About 14th Jan.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	"MONMOUTHSHIRE"	About 18th Jan.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"PEMBROKESHIRE"	About 4th Feb.

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FOR VANCOUVER. From Hongkong.		FOR LIVERPOOL. From St. John.	
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	SAT., 11th Jan.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND"	FRI., 7th Feb.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	SAT., 8th Feb.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND"	FRI., 7th Mar.
"MONTEAGLE"	SAT., 8th Mar.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND"	FRI., 4th Apr.
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Corner Pedder Street and Praya, opposite Blake Pier.
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RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET.

THE STEAMERS of the RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET calling at Hongkong once a month both ways, Homeward and Outward, will accept Cargo and Passengers for the Ports they have to call at on the way, according to the schedule, as:—

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The Hongkong Agency of the R.V.F. will also accept Cargo and issue through Bills-of-Lading for all Black and Azov Seas Ports with transhipment at Odessa, and for Hakodate and all ports of Tartarian Strait and Kamtchatka, with transhipment at Vladivostok.

Cargo for all European Ports not mentioned in the Steamer's schedule will not be accepted by this Agency.

The S.S. "VLADIMIR," 5,620 R.E., Commander Kamichansky, bound for Nagasaki and Vladivostok, is expected to arrive in Hongkong about the 16th December.

The S.S. "KOURSK," 6,400 R.T., Commander Padalka, homeward bound, is expected to arrive in Hongkong about the 15th day of December 1912.

The S.S. "EKATERINOSLAVL," 6,581 R.T., Commander Tideman, homeward bound, is expected to arrive in Hongkong about the beginning of January, 1913.

For Freight, Passage and further particulars, apply to
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Hotel Mansion, 3rd Floor,
Telephone No. 1224.
Hongkong, 4th December 1912 717

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI	DELTA ... Capt. E. F. Martin, R.N.R.	D'light, 21st Dec.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	*HIMALAYA* ... Capt. H. G. Evans, R.N.R.	Noon, 21st Dec.	*See Special Advertisement.*
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	SICILIA ... Capt. C. H. Watkins, R.N.R.	About 25th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	SUNDA ... Capt. C. E. Irving, R.N.R.	About 26th Dec.	Freight and Passage.

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For Further Particulars apply to

H. W. D. SHALLARD,
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1912. 1

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 19th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LIANGCHOW"	On 21st Dec., M'night
TSINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	"HANGCHOW"	On 23rd Dec., 4 P.M.
HAIPHONG	"SINGAN"	On 24th Dec., 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 26th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"KUEICHOW"	On 27th Dec., 4 P.M.

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"HAITAN"	Capt. J. S. Roach	FRIDAY, 20th Dec., at D'light.
"HAIYANG" ...	Capt. A. E. Hodgins ...	TUESDAY, 24th Dec., at D'light.
"HAICHING" ...	Capt. W. C. Passmore ...	FRIDAY, 27th Dec., at D'light.

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Hongkong, 18th December 1912. [7

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VIA MANILA.

MAIL SCHEDULE
(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

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S.S. ALTMARK 3rd Dec.
S.S. SILESIA 14th Jan.
S.S. SUEVIA 27th Jan.
S.S. O. J. D. AHLERS ... 11th Feb.
S.S. SPEZIA 26th Feb.
S.S. SENEGAMBIA ... 10th Mar.
S.S. SITHONIA 23rd Mar.

HOMEWARD.

FOR MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG:
S.S. SEGOVIA 23rd Dec.
FOR HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG:
S.S. ALESIA 24th Dec.
FOR ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG:
S.S. BRASILIA 11th Jan.
FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:
S.S. SAMBIA 16th Jan.
FOR ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG:
S.S. FUERST BUELOW 24th Jan.
FOR HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG:
S.S. ARMENIA 25th Jan.

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CHIYO MARU ...	W. W. Greene ..	SATURDAY, 21st Dec., NOON.
NIPPON MARU	A. G. Stevens ...	SATURDAY, 11th Jan., at Noon.
TENYO MARU	E. Bent ...	FRIDAY, 17th Jan., at Noon.
SHINYO MARU	H. S. Smith ...	TUESDAY, 11th Feb., at Noon.

THE S.S. "CHIYO MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 21st December, at Noon.

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STEAMER	TONS	DATE OF SAILING.
KIYO MARU	17,500 ...	SATURDAY, 1st Feb., at Noon.
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‡ "PANAMA MARU" ...	J. Kanso ...	TUESDAY, 7th Jan., at 2 P.M.
* "SEATTLE MARU" ...	T. Saito ...	THURSDAY, 23rd Jan., at 2 P.M.
† "MEXICO MARU" ...	N. Kobayashi ...	WED'DAY, 5th Feb, at 2 P.M.
* "CHICAGO MARU" ...	I. Goto ...	THURSDAY, 20th Feb., at 2 P.M.
†‡ "CANADA MARU" ...	K. Hori ...	WED'DAY, 5th Mar., at 2 P.M.

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Steamer	Captain	Leave
"FUJIN MARU" ...	T. Fuchigami ...	SUNDAY, 22nd Dec., at 10 A.M.
"DAIGI MARU" ...	Y. Somekawa ...	

FOR ANPING AND TAKAO VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer	Captain	Leave
"SOSHU MARU" ...	K. Tashiro ...	WED'DAY, 25th Dec., at 8 A.M.

FOR CANTON.

Steamer	Captain	Leave
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HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1913.

FOR

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Steamer Tons	Noon, SATURDAY	Steamer Tons	SATURDAY	FRIDAY
INDIA 8000	January 18	MOOLTAN 10000	Feb. 15	Feb.
ASSAYE 7500	February 1	MALOJA 12500	Mar. 1	Mar.
HIMALAYA... 7000	February 15	MOREA 11000	Mar. 15	Mar.
DEVANHA ... 8000	March 1	MARMORA .. 10500	Mar. 29	April
DELTA 8000	March 15	MEDINA 12500	April 12	April 18
INDIA 8000	March 29	Through Steamer	April 26	May 2
ASSAYE 7500	April 12	MONGOLIA ...10000	May 10	May 16
DEVANHA ... 8000	April 26	MACEDONIA 10500	May 24	May 30
CHINA 8000	May 10	MALWA 11000	June 7	June 13

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NOVARA	7000	January 22	February 23	March 5
SUNDA	5700	February 5	March 9	March 19
SARDINIA	7000	February 19	March 23	April 2
SOMALI	...7000	March 5	April 6	April 16
NAMUR	7000	March 19	April 20	April 30
NANKIN	7000	April 2	May 4	May 14
NYANZA	...7000	April 16	May 18	May 28
NORE	...7000	April 30	June 3	June 13
NILE	...7000	May 14	June 17	June 27

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS AND DISPLACEMENT	TONS	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	KAMO MARU Capt. F. L. Sommer,	16,000	WED'DAY, 1st Jan., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	§ AWA MARU Capt. R. Shimizu,	12,500	TUESDAY, 31st Dec., at Noon
	§ SADO MARU Capt. Asakawa,	12,500	TUESDAY, 14th Jan., at Noon.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winckler,	9,300	FRIDAY, 20th Dec., at Noon.
	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine,	7,000	WED'DAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
CALCUTTA VIA SINGAPORE PENANG & RANGOON ...	‡ COLOMBO MARU Capt. Kawashima,	6,000	SATURDAY, 28th Dec.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	‡ WAKASA MARU Capt. N. Nielsen,	12,000	MONDAY, 23rd Dec.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	MISHIMA MARU Capt. A. E. Moses,	16,000	THURSDAY, 19th Dec., at 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	‡ RANGOON MARU Capt. Kamoshita,	17,000	THURSDAY, 19th Dec.
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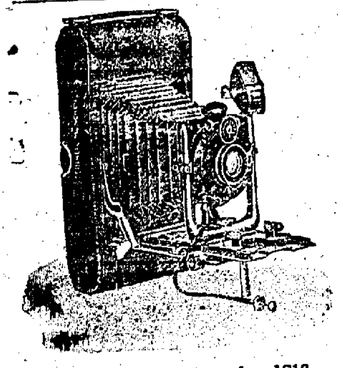
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☞ The parcels by the incoming English Mail *Delta*, due here on Friday next, will not be ready for delivery to the Public until 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 21st inst.

The *Delta*, with the English Mail, left Singapore on Saturday, the 14th instant, at 6 p.m., and may be expected to arrive here to-morrow, at 6 a.m. This packet brings the Parcel Mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 13th November, and for despatch overland on the 19th November.

The *Himalaya* is expected to arrive here to-morrow, with the London Mail (via Siberia) of Saturday, the 30th ultimo.

The *Awa Maru* is expected to arrive here on Sunday, the 22nd inst., with the American Mail ex *Nile*.

FOR	PER	DATE
Saigon	*Kjeld* ...	Thursday, 19th, 9.00 A M
Japan via Kobe	*Mishima Maru*	Thursday, 19th, 10.00 A M
Samarang	*Childar*	Thursday, 19th, 11.00 A M
Macao	*Sui Tai* ...	Thursday, 19th, 1.15 P M
Shanghai and North China	*Chinhua* ...	Thursday, 19th, 3.00 P M
Straits and Ceylon	*Africa*	Thursday, 19th, 4.00 P M
Swatow	*Chowtai*	Thursday, 19th, 5.00 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Haitan*	Friday, 20th, 9.00 A M
Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Thursday Island.	*Kumano Maru* ...	Friday, 20th, 11.00 A M
Straits, and India via Calcutta	*Yatshing*	Friday, 20th, 11.00 A M
Macao	*Sui Tai*	Friday, 20th, 1.15 P M
Shanghai and North China ...	*Delta*	Friday, 20th, 5.00 P M
(EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)	*Loksang*	Friday, 20th, 5.00 P M
Shanghai and North China	*Upada*	Friday, 20th, 5.00 P M
Japan via Yokohama	*Tjilatjap*	Saturday, 21st, 10.00 A M
Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar...		Saturday, 21st, Printed Matter, and Samples 10.00 A M; Registration ... 10.15 A M; (Registration with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 AM) Registration B.C. at Kowloon 9.30 A M; Letters 11.00 A M
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via NAGASAKI, HONOLULU, CANADA, UNITED STATES and SOUTH AMERICA via SAN FRANCISCO (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA) ...	*Chiyo Maru* ...	Saturday, 21st, Printed Matter and Samples 10.00 A M; Registration ... 10.15 A M; Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 11.00 A M) Registration, B.O. ... Kowloon 9.30 A M; Letters .. 11.00 A M
STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, and EUROPE via BRINDISI ... (Late Letter 11.00 to NOON. Extra Postage 10 cents), (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel mail will be closed to-morrow, at 5 p.m.	*Himalaya*	Saturday, 21st, 1.00 P M
Philippine Islands	*Yuensang*	Saturday, 21st., 1.15 P M
Macao	*Sui Tai*	Saturday, 21st, 3.00 P M
Sandakan	*Mausang*	Saturday, 21st, 5.00 P M
Shanghai and North China	*Liangchow* ...	Saturday, 21st, 5.00 P M
Shanghai and North China	*Hangsang*	Saturday, 21st, 5.00 P M
Shanghai and North China	*Kingsing*	Saturday, 21st, 5.00 P M
Shanghai and North China	*Waising*	Sunday, 22nd, 9.00 A M
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Tamsui ..	*Daijin Maru*	Monday, 23rd, 3.00 P M
Tsingtau, Weihaiwei and Chefoo	*Hangchow*	Monday, 23rd, 5.00 P M
Shanghai and North China	*Koonshing*	Monday, 23rd, 5.00 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Haiyang*	Tuesday, 24th, 9.00 A M
Haifong and Pakhoi	*Singan*	Tuesday 24th, 1.00 P M
Straits and India via Calcutta	*Namsang*	Tuesday, 24th, 5.00 P M
Shanghai and North China	*Wingsang* ...	Tuesday, 24th, Registration ... 5.00 P M; Letters .. 6.00 P M
STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, and EUROPE via NAPLES ...	*Lutsow* ...	Thursday, 26th 11.00 A M
Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Kobe...	*Dilwara*	Thursday, 26th, 3.00 P M
Shanghai and North China	*Chenan*	Thursday, 26th, 5.00 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Haicheng*	Friday, 27th, 3.00 P M
Philippine Islands	*Zafiro*	Friday, 27th, 3.00 P M
Philippine Islands...	*Kweichow*	Saturday, 28th, Printed Matter and Samples 4.00 P M; Registration... 4.00 P M; Registration, Kowloon B.O. at... ... 3.30 P M; Letters 5.00 P M
SAIGON, STRAITS, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT and EUROPE via MARSEILLES	*Ernest Simons*	—JANUARY, 1913.— Friday, 10th, Printed Matter and Samples 5.00 P M; Registration ... 5.00 P M; Registration, Kowloon B.O. ... 4.00 P M; Letters... ... 6.00 P M
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Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/1⅛
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ON PARIS:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	252½
Credits, at 4 months' sight	257½
ON GERMANY:—	
On demand	212½
ON NEW YORK:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	50⅜
Credits, at 60 days' sight	51⅛
ON BOMBAY:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	154⅜
Bank, on demand	154½
ON CALCUTTA:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	154⅜
Bank, on demand	154½
ON SHANGHAI:—	
Bank, at sight	71⅜
Private, 30 days' sight	72⅛
ON YOKOHAMA:—On demand	100⅜
ON MANILA:—On demand—Pesos	101⅜
ON SINGAPORE:—On demand	88⅜
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Hongkong	20 "	$4.00 "
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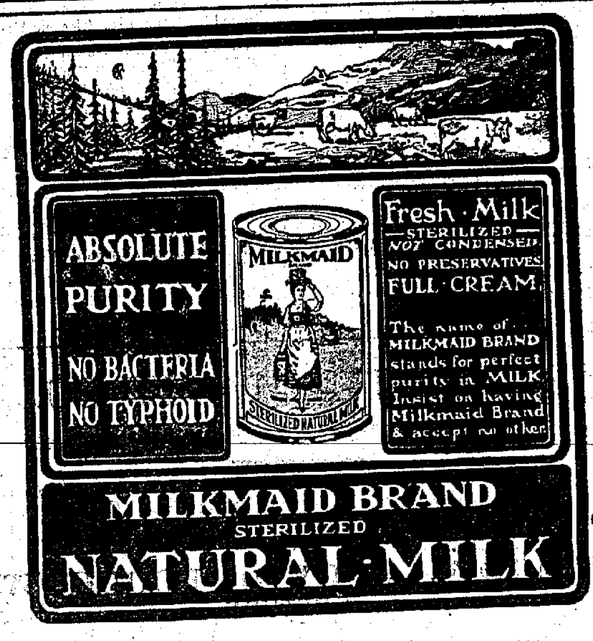
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BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	$125	all	$820, sal. & buy L'don £85
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	$12	all	$9½, buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited.	50,000	$5	all	$2.35, sal. & buy.
	50,000	$1	all	
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd...	200,000	$10	all	$9, buyers
COTTON MILLS.—				
Ewo Cotton Spin'g. & Weaving Co., Ld.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 130
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld ...	125,000	$10	all	$7½
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	$7½		$21½, buyers
DOCKS AND WHARVES.—				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ld.	60,000	$50	all	$78½, sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	50,000	$50	all	$58½, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited ...	10,000	$6½	all	$6½
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ld	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 48½
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co., Ld..	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 103
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	$10	all	$4½
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	$10	all	$25, buyers
	12,000	$50	all	$115
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited...	8,000		$25	$73
Manila Metropole Hotel Limited	15,000	Ps. 10	all	P8½
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited ...	5,000	$25	all	$200
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	$10	all	$19, buyers
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ld.	15,000	$10	$7	$2, buyers
INSURANCES.—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited ..	10,000	$250	$50	$270, sal. & sel.
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited ...	20,000	$100	$20	$146, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited...	24,000	$83.33	$25	$100
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	$250	$50	$375, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited ...	10,000	£15	£5	Tls. 133
Union Insurance Society, Limited ...	12,400	$250	$100	$817½, sellers
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	$100	sol.	$190 @ Ex 73
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ld.	50,000	$100	all	$105
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ld.	150,000	$10	all	$8½
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ld. ...	6,000	$50	$30	$36, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 90
West Point Building Co., Limited ...	12,500	$50	all	$57, buyers
Maatschappij tot Mijn-, Bosch-en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat ...	25,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 73, x. div.
MINING.—				
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ld. ...	1,000,000	£1	all	35/-
Tronoh Mines, Limited	160,000	£1	all	80/-, buyers
Heawood Tin and Rubber Estate, Ld. ...	822,060	2/-	all	4/-
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ld...	200,000	£1	all	$3.90, buyers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited,... ...	25,000	$10	all	$11¼, buyers
	50,000	$10	$1	$1
Philippine Co., Limited	75,000	$10	all	$5
REFINERIES.—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited ...	20,000	$100	al.	$107½, sellers
Luson Sugar Refining Co., Limited ...	7,000	$100	all	$34½
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ld. ...	30,000	$25	all	$8½, buyers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited ...	20,000	$50	all	$35, buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.B. Co., Ld.	80,000	$15	all	$23½
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ld	60,000 pref. 60,000 def.	£5	all	$88 L'don £8 10/-
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited.	2,500,000	£1	all	107/6, sellers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	30,000	$10	all	$38, sellers
South China Morning Post, Limited ...	6,000	$25	all	$22
Steam Laundry Company, Limited... ...	20,000	$5	all	$4½, buyers
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited ...	1,200	$10	all	$25
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	$7	all	$8½, buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	$10	all	$5½, buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	$10	all	$5.90, buyers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	$10	all	$17, buyers
Gande, Price & Co., Ltd...	50,000	$10	all	$6
Societe des Pulpes et Papeteries du Tonkin	13,200	$50	all	$30, sellers
Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ld.	15,000	$10	all	$10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy, 100 fders	$10	$4 all	$9½, sellers $30.
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	$10	all	$14, sellers
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ld....	325,000	5/-	all	5/-, sellers

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9 P.M.—Performance by Local Amateurs of Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband," at the Theatre Royal.
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, 21st Dec.:—
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Monday, 23rd Dec.:—
3 P.M.—Auction of Crown Land below Kennedy Road, by Public Works Dept.
Friday, 27th Dec.:—
9.15 P.M.—Ferris Hartman at Theatre Royal. —"A Trip Abroad."
Saturday, 28th Dec.:—
9.15 P.M.—Ferris Hartman at Theatre Royal. —"The Girl and the Boy."
Monday, 30th Dec.:—
9.15 P.M.—Ferris Hartman at Theatre Royal. —"Dream City."

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 18th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.96	30.01	29.95
Temperature ..	64	65	69
Humidity..... ..	87	93	87
Wind Direction ...	East	East	East
Force	4	1	1
Weather	o	o	o
Rain	—	0.07	—

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